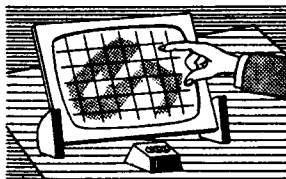


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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

I owe you at least three letters by now. I hope the magazine finally arrived. It was sent by third class mail to save money. Some of those who received it said it took four weeks for it to arrive.

Fred Cook was the one who found out that LBJ had made a statement about conspiracy to Walter Cronkite. Fred told Bud about it and Bud managed to break the story in the press. I thought Bud had told you about it when I wrote my May 19th letter.

If you haven't seen a piece that Fred wrote for publication on all three assassinations, you might ask Bud for a copy. It has not yet been published but perhaps it can be some day. I'm not familiar with Fred's "past on the assassination subject." Could you enlighten me on that?

Re Skolnick, do you really put him in the same class with Shiller and Roberts? Have you met with him personally? I always wait until I have had a face to face, eyeball to eyeball meeting with a person on this subject before reaching a conclusion. I thought you did too, especially after the Colonel incident.

Having only read what Skolnick says in his letters and in his legal briefs, I cannot yet conclude that he will do us a lot of harm. A Jewish paraplegic is a difficult person for the other side to assault. So far, my interest in him is in his evidence, whatever it may turn out to be. Vallee is interesting; so is Bolden, so are the photos the Secret Service were showing around Chicago before JFK was shot.

Re the "confessions," I thought you had been through all of Garrison's and the NCTIA files and had seen all of the material in them. If you write off Nagell after seeing all he has had to say; then you write off Dean; then you write off Novell's letter to Mr. Weiss; then you write off Hicks admission about the communications center in the Adolphus Hotel; then you write off Lewis' statements about Camp Street; then you write off Santanna's statement about firing a shot from the Dal Tex building. If you write all of these and any others that come in via the "confession route" as kooks; why then Harold, you might just as well quit right now.

It's like Garrison once said, "Sorry, but we don't have any bank presidents as witnesses in this case."

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Copland is a lawyer in Texas. Ask Bud about him and his (or somebody-else's) tome.

Dean is the man in CE237. To find out why I believe this you would have to talk at length to Fred, who had him on his living room couch taking photos of him. You have to look in a man's eyes when you ask him a question to get the full import. Fred did. Did you compare CE237 with his face on the spot and confront him with it?

Re Bud's time, I have attempted to help him in whatever way I could to make sure his load is distributed. We are beginning a computer project in the office this month. I will help him with that as well. You are right when you say computers can not generate anything that is not fed in. We have an expression in the trade; GIGO; which means Garbage In, Garbage Out.

Regards,

Dick

Richard E. Sprague